

Daniel Pearl was born in Princeton, New Jersey on October 10, 1963, and grew up in Los Angeles, where he distinguished himself with an uncommon aptitude for music, academics and sports.

To most of the world, he will always be known as the Wall Street Journal reporter whom terrorists in Pakistan kidnapped and brutally murdered in early 2002 a few months following the 9/11 attacks. Since that time, he is remembered as a symbol of courage, integrity, dedication and hope: a man who attempted to build bridges between diverse cultures in his capacities as both a journalist and a gifted musician.

For Daniel Pearl, music became an essential form of personal expression. It led to his involvement in several bands throughout the world, where he improvised on the electric violin, fiddle, or mandolin. Friends and colleagues recall his bursts of spontaneous creativity as a songwriter or performer whenever the occasion warranted or the mood inspired him.

In the spirit of Danny's love of music and commitment to dialogue, the Daniel Pearl Foundation, established by his parents in his memory, launched the first "Daniel

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Pearl World Music Days” event on October 10, 2002, which would have been his 39th birthday.

Today, the Annual Daniel Pearl World Music Days has grown to include thousands of performances in over 80 countries, dedicated to the ideal of a hate-free world. Events include the Los Angeles Philharmonic and pianist Yefim Bronfman performing Bartok and Tchaikovsky at Disney Hall this week, an evening of evening of music and dance in Santa Monica connecting the Gypsy and Sephardic Jewish traditions of Andalusia, Spain to the Arabic Middle East, a World Festival of Sacred Music in Palos Verdes, a special Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra program featuring works by Beethoven and Benjamin Britten in Glendale and Westwood, Viklarbo Chamber Ensemble performing a World Concert for Peace in Encino, and many others. A full schedule of this year's events may be found on-line at <http://www.danielpearlmusicdays.org/events.php>

On September 30, 2009, President Obama underscored the importance of this unique event by taking the occasion to issue a Presidential Statement, in which he called the initiative "a fitting tribute to a man who promoted respect and dialogue throughout the world."

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the period of October 1-31, 2011 as “Daniel Pearl World Music Days” in the County of Los Angeles, and urge County residents to honor the memory of Daniel Pearl during this month-long period by promoting cross-cultural understanding and reminding people of all cultures and religions that we share a common humanity.

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